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**United States Patent** [19]**Schmitt**[11] **Patent Number:** **5,653,746**[45] **Date of Patent:** **Aug. 5, 1997**[54] **RADIALLY EXPANDABLE TUBULAR PROSTHESIS**[75] **Inventor:** Peter J. Schmitt, Garnerville, N.Y.[73] **Assignee:** Meadox Medicals, Inc., Oakland, N.J.[21] **Appl. No.:** 462,230[22] **Filed:** Jun. 5, 1995**Related U.S. Application Data**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A radially expandable tubular prosthesis which allows for controlled expansion in a circumferential direction following implantation while limiting expansion in a longitudinal direction. The prosthesis is particularly suited to intraluminal implantation via a catheter and is also particularly suited for percutaneous implantation in children.

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